



River's Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter

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Weekend #11 – Women

September 4-7, 2008

LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO

...Coming Soon...



Call for Prayer Warriors

We all know that prayer is a vital part of all Via de Cristo weekends. We need YOU to pray during the weekend!

The Prayer Vigil is a huge part of the weekend.

Call Lynn Schaeg and tell her the time you are willing to pray. Each block of time to pray is thirty minutes. Consider signing up for two thirty-minute blocks. It's POWERFUL!

Prayers begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4 and end at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 7. Prayers are needed around the clock during that time.

Call Lynn at 636-537-4897 between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. or email her at kev.lynschaeg@sbcglobal.net. You may also sign up at the Ultreya on August 24.

Need an application?

Contact Bob Wardenburg for a copy: r_wardenburg@yahoo.com. Then sponsors may mail the completed applications and \$150 registration fee to Bob Wardenburg, 163332 Meadowside Ridge, Glencoe, MO 63038. **(This is a change. Please send applications and money to Bob.)**

Applications may also be found on line: www.riversedgevdc.org and submitted on line.



PRAY!! PRAY!!

Pray for these weekenders who have completed and submitted their applications:

Joyce Crowter

Lisa Deterding

Dorothy Kaiser

Anita (Skeeter) Kelly

Jane Maule

Jean Meyer

Laurel Richards

Ruth Rhodes

Patty Schaeg

Sandy Wynn

Keep them coming! Keep praying! We've heard of several more women who are considering the weekend. Keep praying!



Prayer is so powerful... We need YOU!

2008 Calendar...

August 24 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO.
Food for Fellowship: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert,
T-Z Main Dish.

September 4-7 –Weekend #11 – Women’s -- at
LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO.

September 28 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka,
MO **(NOTE: Date Change)**. Food for
Fellowship: A-J Dessert, K-S Main Dish, T-Z
Salad.

November 16 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO.
Food for Fellowship: A-J Main Dish, K-S
Salad, T-Z Dessert.

2009 Calendar...

January 11 -- Ultreya

April 30 – May 3 – Weekend #12 – Men’s -- at
LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO

October 29 – November 1 – Weekend #13 –
Women’s – at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka,
MO

2010 Calendar...

April 29 – May 2 – Weekend #14 – Men’s – at
LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO

September 30 – October 3 – Weekend #15 –
Women’s – at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka,
MO



Don't Forget...

The Serenade...Escorting...Closura!

Growing a VDC Community

I think we can all agree that the Via de Cristo (VDC) weekend experience is something that we cherish. Are we keeping it to ourselves? Maybe yes, maybe no. We do have some members of the VDC Community who are members of other churches; but right now most brothers and sisters of our VDC Community are members of just two churches. We are pleased to have everyone in our community.

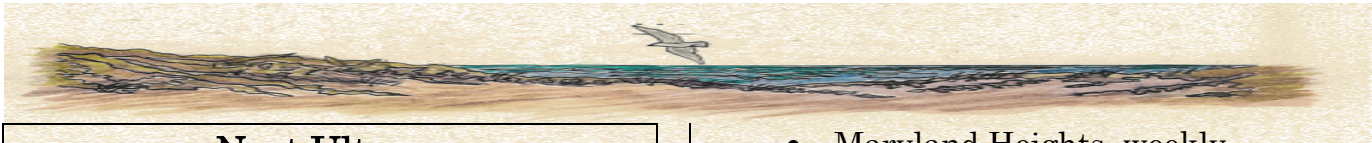
Members of the Secretariat are convinced that our community will never be what it could be unless we expand it to include members who belong to churches other than Zion and St. Mark's. In discussions about how to grow our community, this topic was given a great deal of attention.

Who can do something about this? We all can. How do we start? **We concentrate on a friend who is a leader in a church to which we do not belong.** That's right; invite someone who does not attend your church to attend a weekend. The Via de Cristo Expression is open to all faiths, not just Lutherans.

Make a plan. Give serious thought to a Christian that you know who belongs to a church you do not attend. Once you have identified the person, invite them to go on a VDC weekend with you. If they say "no" the first time, don't be discouraged. Ask again the next year. Work hard to bring success to your plan. Remember to "pray first" and then extend the invitation.

How will our community grow and expand? If each of us identifies a leader in another church -- and brings them to a VDC weekend! Discussions by the Secretariat will not increase the diversity of our community. Each of us must do our part to help the process.

Bob Wardenburg, Lay Director REVDC



Next Ultreya
This Sunday, August 24
3-6 p.m. – Zion/Ferguson
“The Love and Power of Jesus”
Come – Don’t Miss It!

REUNION GROUPS

Are you a member of a reunion group? If not, you are missing a really good thing! Better than that...one of the best things in life!

The Reunion Group keeps your VDC weekend experience alive. Being accountable to others for your Piety, Study and Action is a blessing. Reunion Groups are the “backbone” of any VDC Community. Having close friends who will pray for you and listen to you is priceless. You can find that in a Reunion Group.

To better help our REVDC community, get involved in a Reunion Group. Existing Reunion Groups are identified below. All Reunion Groups have “openings” for you to join. If you cannot attend an existing Reunion Group, contact Bob Wardenburg at r_wardenburg@yahoo.com or 636-394-3422 to start your own group. All you need to start a group is a Pilgrim’s Guide or green card and one other person. It is that simple.

Existing Reunion Groups:

- North County, weekly, Fridays 7:30 p.m. **Women only.** Contact Doris McCall 314-521-8349.

- Maryland Heights, weekly, Thursdays 7:00 p.m. **Men only.** Contact Paul Twillmann 314-599-5759.
- North County/Florissant, Fridays 7:30 p.m. **Women only.** Meet at Dott Twillmann’s house, 12320 Space Drive, Florissant 63033. Contact Gail Voss 314-522-3842.
- Eureka at Hilltop Manor, bi-weekly, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. **Women only.** Contact Marilyn Wardenburg 636-394-3422.
- Eureka at Hilltop Manor, monthly, 4th Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. **Men only.** Contact Bob Wardenburg 636-394-3422.
- Eureka in the Prayer Chapel at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Contact Bob Wardenburg 636-394-3422.
- Litchfield, IL at Denny’s, weekly, Tuesdays, 12:00 noon. **Co-ed Group.** Contact Marilyn Hamblin 217-324-5215.

Join a Reunion Group or start your own. You will receive an added Blessing from God by doing so!

Keep Reunion Groups in mind for the new weekenders...help get them connected...or help start one!

